



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

September 11, 2009

Yucca District Meeting – Save the Date

Join Councilmember Joyce Clark at her upcoming community meeting for residents of the Yucca District.

Wednesday, November 4

6:30 p.m.

Coyote Ridge

Elementary School

7677 W. Bethany Home Road



Smith family members and friends on the porch in front of the Sahuaro Ranch Guest house in the 1930s.



Glendale Library Story Time, 1950s.

New Ramada Complex at Western Area Regional Park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Glendale elected officials to open the new ramada complex at the city's western area regional park.

The ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the ramada complex located at 81st Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Mayor Scruggs and Councilmember Joyce Clark are expected to make comments.

The new complex features 10 covered ramadas, a playground and sand volleyball courts. Each ramada includes nine tables seating eight people each for a maximum of 72 people. Total capacity for the complex is 720. Each ramada has a grill, counter top/serving area and electrical receptacle.

The ramada complex is available for reservations. Fees are \$15 per ramada/per hour for Glendale residents, \$20 per ramada/per hour for non-residents and \$25 per ramada/per hour for commercial rentals. Reservations may be made by calling the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department at (623) 930-2820. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Down Payment Assistance Program. If you're interested in purchasing a foreclosed home in a targeted neighborhood in Glendale, the new Glendale Homebuyer Assistance Program may be for you.

Glendale received federal funds through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), which is money provided to communities hardest hit by residential foreclosures and mortgage delinquencies.

Under this program buyers are encouraged to work with realtors to purchase a foreclosed/abandoned home in one of the three targeted zip codes – 85301, 85302 and 85303. Qualified residents would include those with a total household income below 120% of annual median income (AMI), which translates into \$79,100 for a family of four.

For more information on this program or the American Dream Down Payment Initiative program, call the Community Revitalization Division at (623) 930-3670 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.

"Glendale's Memory Project" on Glendale 11 TV. In honor of the city's centennial in 2010, Glendale Public Library joined with Glendale Historical Society, Glendale Community College, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area and Thunderbird School of Global Management to bring collections of old photographs from the city's past to life online and on TV.

"Glendale's Memory Project" debuts on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. and can be seen during its regular time slot every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. as well as various times throughout the week on Glendale Channel 11. The 30-minute TV show, 'Glendale's Memory Project,' gives an overview of how the massive project of placing the photos online by the five partners was carried out.

[Click here](#) to access Glendale History Online. [Click here](#) to view the Glendale 11 TV Guide.



Zone A Information. The Arizona Cardinals will host the San Francisco 49ers at 1:15 p.m., September 13 at University of Phoenix Stadium. The neighborhood protection plan will be implemented for this event. This is a service provided to you by the city, to ensure the quality of life in neighborhoods is maintained and cut-through traffic is minimized. [Click here](#) to visit the ZONE A Resident Information page.

Glendale's Got Game "Spirit Page." The NFL's regular season kicks off in Glendale this week, and Glendale is helping fans get into the spirit with a special fan-filled page on the city's mega event Web site, www.glendalesgotgame.com. Visitors can get to the page by clicking on the "spirit page" showcased on the site's homepage.

This page highlights Glendale 11 TV videos and a photo gallery celebrating football fan fever from last year's NFC Championship Cardinals season.

Featured videos include "Get Your Game On in Glendale," "Special Cardinals Championship City Beat Edition" and "Glendale Congratulates the Arizona Cardinals." Photos featured in an online gallery highlight the frenzy outside the University of Phoenix stadium before the NFC Championship game.

This new addition to the site also gives fans ideas on how to have fun while visiting Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District, including information on special events, festivals, dining, nightlife and more.

Fans are also encouraged to check out www.glendalesgotgame.com before heading out to a game to learn about traffic restrictions, special events and fan friendly deals. For more information or to check out the online fan spirit page, [click here](#).

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Let's Talk English! Free English conversation classes, for those who speak English as a second language, continue to be offered at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Fall 2009 session, on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m., runs from Sept. 16-Dec. 9 in the large meeting room. No registration is required for the classes. For questions about the classes, phone Claudia at 623-930-3570.

BMX-Court Comp presented by Gordy's Bicycles. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department will host its first BMX competition at the X-Court on Saturday, Sept. 19. Admission is \$1, check in at 4 p.m. and competition begins at 5 p.m. The Glendale X-Court is located at 83rd Avenue & Bethany Home Road. For more information or to register for the competition (\$15 pre-register, \$20 @ event), [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2044.

Child Care & Babysitting Workshop. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is offering a workshop dedicated to teaching safe and fun ways to baby sit and care for children.

The Child Care and Babysitting Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., and includes CPR, first aid, techniques for working with active children and what to do to have a successful babysitting adventure. This workshop, for ages 11 and older, builds confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations.

Registration is \$52 for Glendale residents and \$62 for nonresidents. To register, call (623) 930-4600; for more information, call (623) 930-4613.

Learn the Basics of Organic Gardening. Feed your family healthy, organic foods freshly picked from your own garden. Learn to garden organically at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Organic Gardening Basics class. The class focuses on the tools needed, soil types, safe fertilizers, garden designs, planning tips and principles of organic gardening. Students will learn to prepare the soil, make compost and use organic fertilizers and soil amendments.

The one-day class will be held from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 22 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. The class is \$30 for Glendale residents and \$36 for non-residents. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (623) 930-4613.

AVP Professional Beach Volleyball Returns to Westgate - USA Takes on Brazil. AVP Professional Beach Volleyball returns to Glendale September 25-27, this time potentially placing Westgate City Center into the international spotlight. Tickets are on sale now. [Read more.](#)

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